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URBAN DISTRICT OF WOLVERTON

Annual Report
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Summary of Vital Statistics

Area (acres)	4,699
Population 1951 Census	13,421
Estimated Population 1953 (Registrar General's figures)	...	...	...	...	...	13,540
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	£73,484
Product of a Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	£297
Birth Rate 12.0 per 1,000	England & Wales	15.5 per 1,000				
Death Rate 12.9 per 1,000	England & Wales	11.4 per 1,000				
Infant Mortality 6.2 per 1,000 births	(last year 12.5 per 1,000)					
Neo Natal Nil per 1,000 births	(last year 6.2 per 1,000)					

LIVE BIRTHS

Total Male Female

Legitimate	156	90	66
Illegitimate	6	3	3
	<u>162</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>69</u>

STILL BIRTHS

Total Male Female

Legitimate	6	4	2
Illegitimate	Nil	Nil	Nil
	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>

DEATHS

Total Male Female

from Pregnancy, Childbirth and abortions	N	i	l
Infant Mortality:			
Legitimate	1		
Illegitimate	<u>N</u>	<u>i</u>	<u>l</u>

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	...	...	...	...	23
" " Measles					
" " Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	Nil
" " Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	Nil
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age	...	...	...	...	1
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age	...	...	...	...	Nil

Disinfection

The disinfection of clothing and bedding is carried out. Concurrent and terminal disinfection is also carried out by means of gaseous and liquid disinfectants in houses where infectious disease is notified.

National Assistance Act, 1948

It has not been necessary to take any action under Section 47 of this Act.

No cases arose under Section 50 of this Act.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949 - Rodent Control

The service instituted by the Council for the treatment of infestations by rats and mice, and of surveys of properties, has continued very successfully. The assistance of the Health Department in the control of rodents is regularly asked for and this is now considered as essential as any of the other public services. The Council's various undertakings need regular attention.

TABLE

	L.A.	Dwelling houses	Agri-cultural	All other (inc. Bus. & Indstrl.)	Total
Total number of properties in L.A. District	5	4353	24	610	4966
Number of properties insptd. by L.A. during 1953 as a result of (A) notification or (B) otherwise	5	30 338	18	8	30 369
Number of properties found to be infested by rats	5	68	2	8	83
Number of properties found to be seriously infested by mice	-	-	-	-	-
Number of infested properties treated by the L.A.	5	68	2	8	83
Number of notices served under Section 4:- (1) Treatment (2) Structural Works (i.e. Proofing)		N	i	l	
Number of cases in which default action was taken by L.A. following issue of Notice under S.4.		N	i	l	
Number of "block" control schemes carries out		N	i	l	

Sewer Treatment

Treatments of sewers was carried out during the Spring and Autumn with the following results:-

No. of Manholes treated	C.P.	P.T.	N.T.
Spring treatments 113, Manholes	2	61	50
Autumn treatments 335, Manholes	15	46	274

C.P. - Complete Takes. P.T. - Part Takes. N.T. - No. takes.

Disinfestation Eradication of Bed Bugs etc.

The work of destroying insect pest of all types is carried out by the Sanitary Inspector's Department. The General method is by spraying liquid insecticides containing D.D.T. In certain cases, insecticide powders containing D.D.T. is used. The result of treatments were satisfactory in all cases. The following table shows the number of infested premises treated, together with the type of infestation.

<u>Premises</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Type of Pest</u>
Private Houses - Council	-	Bed Bugs
Private Houses - other	3	Bed Bugs
do	4	Ants
do	6	Wasps
do	2	Other pests.

Rag and Flock and other filling materials Act, 1951

There are only a few premises at which rag flock is used by the furnishing trade, and as this material is supplied with guarantees of cleanliness, it was not considered necessary to take any samples.

Water Supply

1. Until November, 1953, the Council purchased a bulk supply from the London Midland Region of British Railways for distribution in the Wolverton and New Bradwell wards. Since then a bulk supply has been taken from the Foxcote Works of the Bucks Water Board for those Wards. The Stony Stratford area is supplied from the Council's Calverton Road source which is augmented by a supply from the Bucks Water Board. The Lower and Middle Wealds of Calverton are supplied from the Council's Calverton Road source. The hamlet of Upper Weald, Calverton formerly received water from the Bucks Smallholdings supply main, but water received in bulk from the Foxcote Works of the Bucks Water Board is now distributed in this area also. This alteration will ensure the supply of water to the Upper Weald area which has in the past given cause for anxiety.

- (i) the water supplies to the Urban District have been satisfactory in quality. The quantity has been sufficient except at Upper Weald where a shortage was overcome by carting water.
- (ii) samples of water are submitted for examination at monthly intervals, and the results have been satisfactory, as shown on this and pages 5 and 6. The water supplied from the Blue Bridge pumping station is filtered, chlorinated and ammoniated; and that from the Council's Calverton Road source is chlorinated.
- (iii) Copy of chemical analysis is shown on Page 7.
- (iv) No action required.
- (v) the number of dwelling houses supplied direct into the house is 4,500 and the number supplied by standpipe is 67.

2. The water supply has been sufficient in quantity with the exception referred to earlier.

(i) Bacteriological Examination

Nature of samples of water from Council depot, Church Street, Wolverton

Date and hour of collection	30.6.53	10.45 a.m.
Date and hour of arrival	30.6.53	12.15 p.m.
Date and hour of examination	30.6.53	12.30 p.m.

Probable number of Coliform Bacilli, MacConkey, 2 days, 37°C - 0/100 c.
 Probable number of Faecal Coli, MacConkey, 2 days 44°C - 0/100 c.c.

Lab. Ref. No. 4729. Very Satisfactory.

Nature of sample of water from Middle Weald, Calverton

Date and hour of collection	30.6.53	10.50 a.m.
Date and hour of arrival	30.6.53	12.15 p.m.
Date and hour of examination	30.6.53	12.30 p.m.

Probable number of Coliform Bacilli, MacConkey, 2 days, 37°C - 0/100 c.
 Probable number of Faecal Coli, MacConkey, 2 days, 44°C - 0/100 c.c.

Lab. Ref. No. 4725

Very Satisfactory.

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Public Health Department

Ministry of Health Circular 2/50 Paragraph 6 (ii).
Samples of water collected and submitted for examination during 1953.

V.S. - Very Satisfactory
S. - Satisfactory
Un-S. - Unsatisfactory

No.	Name of Water Supply	Water Undertaker	Bacteriological Samples		Chemical Samples	Remarks. Lab. Ref. No.
			Date	Result		
1	Calverton Road P.S.	Wolverton U.D.C.	12. 1.53	V.S.	Nil	202
2	do	do	12. 1.53	V.S.	"	205
3	Blue Bridge P.S.	do	12. 1.53	V.S.	"	203
4	Bucks C.C. Small Holdings	do	12. 1.53	V.S.	"	206
5	Calverton Road P.S.	do	26. 1.53	V.S.	"	624
6	do	do	26. 1.53	V.S.	"	626
7	Bucks C.C. Small Holdings	do	26. 1.53	V.S.	"	627
8	Blue Bridge P.S.	do	26. 1.53	V.S.	"	628
9	Calverton Road P.S.	do	17. 3.53	V.S.	"	999
10	Bucks C.C. Small Holdings	do	17. 3.53	V.S.	"	2000
11	Calverton Road P.S.	do	17. 3.53	V.S.	"	2001
12	do	do	17. 3.53	V.S.	"	2002
13	Blue Bridge P.S.	do	17. 3.53	V.S.	"	2003
14	do	do	7. 4.53	V.S.	"	2512
15	Calverton Road P.S.	do	7. 4.53	V.S.	"	2511
16	do	do	7. 4.53	V.S.	"	2514
17	do	do	7. 4.53	S	"	2515
18	do	do	21. 4.53	V.S.	"	2884
19	Bucks C.C. Small Holdings	do	21. 4.53	V.S.	"	2885
20	Calverton Road P.S.	do	21. 4.53	V.S.	"	2886
21	Blue Bridge P.S.	do	21. 4.53	V.S.	"	2837
22	Bucks C.C. Small Holdings	do	5. 5.53	V.S.	"	3233
23	Calverton Road P.S.	do	5. 5.53	V.S.	"	3234
24	do	do	5. 5.53	V.S.	"	3236
25	Blue Bridge P.S.	do	5. 5.53	V.S.	"	3235
26	Calverton Road P.S.	do	28. 5.53	V.S.	"	3895
27	Blue Bridge P.S.	do	28. 5.53	V.S.	"	3894
28	do	do	15. 6.53	Un-S.	"	4303
29	Calverton Road P.S.	do	15. 6.53	V.S.	"	4305
30	Blue Bridge P.S.	do	23. 6.53	V.S.	"	4509
31	Bucks C.C. Small Holdings	do	30. 6.53	V.S.	"	4728
32	Calverton Road P.S.	do	30. 6.53	V.S.	"	4725
33	do	do	30. 6.53	V.S.	"	4726

Continued.

No.	Name of Water Supply	Water Undertaker	Bacteriological Samples		Chemical Samples	Remarks Lab. Ref. No.
			Date	Result		
34.	Blue Bridge P.S.	Calverton U.D.C.	30. 6.53	V.S.	For Chemical Analysis see Page 7	4729
35	do		28. 7.53	V.S.		5639
36	do		4. 8.53	V.S.		5805
37	Calverton Road P.S.		4. 8.53	V.S.		5807
38	do		4. 8.53	V.S.		5811
39	Bucks C.C. Small Holdings		4. 8.53	V.S.		5808
40	Calverton Road P.S.		24. 8.53	V.S.		6298
41	Blue Bridge P.S.		24. 8.53	V.S.		6299
42	Bucks C.C. Small Holdings		24. 8.53	V.S.		6302
43	Calverton Road P.S.		24. 8.53	V.S.		6303
44	Blue Bridge P.S.		14. 9.53	V.S.		6829
45	Calverton Road P.S.		14. 9.53	V.S.		6830
46	Bucks C.C. Small Holdings		14. 9.53	V.S.		6833
47	Calverton Road P.S.		14. 9.53	V.S.		6834
48	Blue Bridge P.S.		28. 10.53	V.S.		8029
49	Calverton Road P.S.		28. 10.53	V.S.		8030
50	do		28. 10.53	V.S.		8031
51	Bucks C.C. Small Holdings		28. 10.53	V.S.		8033
52	Foxcote Waterworks		25. 11.53	Un-S.		8996
53	Bucks C.C. Small Holdings		25. 11.53	V.S.		8997
54	Calverton Road P.S.		25. 11.53	V.S.		8998
55	do		25. 11.53	V.S.		8999
56	do		16. 12.53	V.S.		9581
57	Bucks C.C. Small Holdings		16. 12.53	V.S.		9580
58	Calverton Road P.S.		16. 12.53	V.S.		9582
59	Foxcote Waterworks		16. 12.53	V.S.		9584
60	do		16. 12.53	V.S.		9585

Chemical Analysis

Sample of water from U.D.C. supply, Calverton Road Pumping Station

	Parts per 100,000	
	<u>TREATED</u>	<u>UNTREATED</u>
Total Solid Residue.....	61.6	72.0
Chloride as Cl.....	2.7	3.0
as NaCl.....	4.45	4.95
Free & Saline Ammonia.....	nil	nil
Albuminoid Ammonia.....	0.0032	0.0048
Oxygen absorbed from N/80 permagent in 3 hours at 98°F.....	nil	nil
Hardness.....	39.2	46.0
Permanent.....	17.8	19.8
Temporary.....	21.4	26.2
Reaction (pH).....	7.2	6.9
Nitrates as Nitrogen.....	0.4	0.7
Nitrites as Nitrogen.....	Absent	Absent
Lead, Copper and Zinc.....	Absent	Absent

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County Analyst.

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Ministry of Health Circular No. 2/50. Para 6(ii)

Samples of water collected from Swimming Pools and Bathing Places - 1953.

Lab. Ref. No.	Name of Swimming Pool	Pool Controlled by	Date	Bacteriological Examination		Remarks	
				Coliform Bacilli	Faecal Coli	Surface of pool after floor scoured	Sample taken from $\frac{1}{2}$ depth of pool after floor scoured
3292 3893	Fegans Homes	Governors of Fegans Homes	28.5.53 "	0 per 100 m.l.	0 per 100 m.l.	do	- do
4143 4144	" "	" "	9.6.53 "	" "	" "	do -	- do
4306 4304	" "	" "	15.6.53 "	" "	" "	do -	- do
4730 4731	" "	" "	30.6.53 "	" "	" "	do -	- do
5809 5810	" "	" "	4.8.53 "	" "	" "	do -	- do
6835 6832	" "	" "	14.9.53 "	" "	" "	do -	- do

Food and Drugs Act, 1937. Food preparing Rooms(a) Cafés and Restaurants

There were 8 cafés and restaurants in the district at the end of the year. Regular visits of inspection were made and generally the premises were found to be satisfactory.

(b) Hotels

Inspections have been made of the kitchens of the hotels and were found to be maintained in a satisfactory condition.

(c) Bakehouses

At the end of the year there were 10 bakehouses in regular use, none of which came under the category of "Underground Bakehouses".

The method of firing at these bakehouses is as follows:-

Solid Fuel	10
Gas & Solid Fuel	-
Gas	-
Electricity	-
	<u>10</u>

All the bakehouses have been maintained in a satisfactory condition and with 150 inspections only minor defects were found which were corrected.

(d) Sausages and Preserved Foods

Inspections were made of the premises where sausages and preserved foods intended for sale are manufactured, and only in a few instances was it necessary to direct attention to cleansing and redecoration which was duly carried out. A total of 270 visits were made to the above-mentioned premises.

(e) Fish frying

Visits were made to the three fish frying premises and also to the premises where mobile fish frying vans are stored, and all were found to be kept in a satisfactory condition.

(f) Shops, Stalls and Vehicles

A total of 450 visits were made to shops stalls and vehicles and only in a few cases was it found necessary to direct attention to cleansing and redecoration.

Handling, Wrapping and delivery of food, and sale of Food in the open air.

1. The model bye-laws for securing the observance of sanitary and cleanly conditions and practice in connection with the handling, wrapping and delivery of food, and sale of food in the open air, are in force in this district.

General

2. When inspections are being made of food preparing rooms the Proprietor's attention is drawn to the importance of all food preparing rooms being maintained at a very high standard of hygiene, so that at any time the management would welcome members of the public visiting in order to see how food is prepared.

Food Premises

The number of food premises in this district is 128 and are situate as follows:-

	<u>New Bradwell Stony Stratford Wolve</u>		
Butcher	6	7	
Baker	1	5	
Confectionery	1	4	
Grocer	2	7	
Fruit	2	4	
General Store	12	8	
Cafés	-	6	
Fish	3	2	
Hotels which have catering facilities	1	2	
Covered Market	-	-	
	28	45	5

Food Condemned during 1953

Condemned and Returned to Wholesaler.

18½ lbs Cheese.
2 lbs Bacon.

Seized and Destroyed

6 lbs Flank of Beef	1 tin Veal
25 lbs Leg of Pork	15 " Stewed Steak
6½ " Sweet Breads	2 " Butter Beans
16¾ " Ham	5 " Peeled Shrimps
16 " Liver	1 " Crab Meat
2 " Kidney	2 " Rock Lobster
1 Case of 360 English Eggs	62 " Plums (Red)
233 lbs. of Port sausages	7 " Prunes
123 lbs. of Beef sausages	33 " Red Cherries
41 lbs. of Pork Pies	9 " Beef Loaf
1 stone kippers	4 " Solid Pack Apples
1 stone mackerell	1 " Cape Gooseberries
----	59 " Blackcurrants
3 tins Peaches	4 " Nor meat
10 " Jellied Veal	13 " Peas
38 " Tomatoes	15 " Dutch Pork Sausage
16 " Luncheon Meat	12 " Beans
6 " Oranges	2 " Brisket of Beef
6 " Milk	2 " Soups
22 " Ham	2 " Orange Juice
2 " Tongue	6 " Corned Beef
1 " Cooked Pork Butts	1 " Gammon

Food Condemned during 1953, (Cont'd)Seized and Destroyed

1	tin	Corned Mutton
1	"	Carrots
1	"	Prawns
1	"	Fruit Salad
2	"	Orange Marmalade
5	"	Grape Fruit
4	"	Strawberries
1	"	Sausages
4	"	Heinz Baby Food
30	"	Raspberries
3	"	Pilchards
2	"	Sild
2	"	Pressed Veal
18	"	Damson
6	"	Minced Beef Loaf
1	"	Kidney
1	"	Cream
24	"	Apricots
1	"	Rabbit
2	"	Grapes
264	"	Rhubarb
3000	"	Brisling Paste
720	"	Fish Paste
4	"	Pineapple
20	"	Victoria

3024 Packets of Custard Powder.

Inspection and Supervision of Food - Milk

At the end of the year the Register was as follows:-

Premises registered as dairies in area..... 3

Milk Distributors registered in area:

(i) trading from premises within area..... 3

(ii) trading from premises outside area..... 4

Total..... 7

The Urban area is supplied by the Distributors handling the following grades of milk:-

Distributor No.	Supplying		
	Pasteurised Milk	T.T. Milk	Ungraded Milk
1	-	T.T.	Ungraded
2	P	T.T.	Ungraded
3	P	T.T.	-
4	P	T.T.	Ungraded
5	-	T.T.	-
6	P	T.T.	-
7	P	-	-

Milk and Drugs Regulations, 1949 - Section 20

It has not been necessary to serve any notices under this Regulation.

Inspection and Supervision of Food - Milk Sampling

Regular checks on the sale of milk were taken throughout the year; 238 samples being submitted for examination by the methylene blue test, with the following results.

Month	1949			1950			1951			1952			1953		
	G	M	P	G	M	P	G	M	P	G	M	P	G	M	P
January	2	-	2	10	2	3	23	3	-	22	1	-	24	-	-
February	11	7	-	21	-	-	30	2	-	20	1	-	6	-	-
March	43	5	2	18	2	2	29	2	-	19	1	-	24	-	-
April	27	5	3	19	4	-	22	2	-	20	3	-	23	1	-
May	44	10	3	12	1	4	35	2	1	27	3	1	17	2	5
June	34	9	12	-	-	-	20	8	3	23	4	3	13	5	5
July	12	10	11	5	3	4	9	5	5	23	2	12	18	5	7
August	14	2	14	9	10	2	20	6	4	16	4	5	15	3	4
September	11	5	3	7	4	-	12	1	5	13	5	1	25	-	3
October	11	5	2	22	2	3	26	9	-	23	-	-	10	1	-
November	24	1	-	15	3	-	23	2	4	18	1	1	11	-	-
December	1	-	-	12	1	-	18	2	2	11	1	-	11	-	-
Totals	234	59	52	150	32	18	267	44	24	235	26	23	197	17	24
Total number of samples	345			200			335			284			238		
% of Poor Grade	15%			9%			7%			8%			10%		
% of Moderate G.	17%			16%			13%			9%			7%		
% of Good Grade	68%			75%			80%			83%			83%		

Ice Cream

The following table shows the premises registered for the manufacture and for the sale of ice cream.

	Manufacture		Sale
	Heat Treatment	Cold Mix	
On register at en. of 1952	1	1	38
New Registrations in 1953	-	-	-
Withdrawal of registration in 1953	-	-	-
On register at end of 1953	1	1	38

During the year strict observations have been kept upon the manufacture and sale of ice cream; and samples were taken for examination by the methylene blue test. These gave results as follows:-

	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953
Grade 1	49	90	76	51	117
Grade 2	68	72	13	49	38
Grade 3	66	26	4	8	13
Grade 4	14	6	9	7	4
	197	194	102	115	172
Grade 1	25%	47%	74%	44%	68%
Grade 2	34%	37%	13%	43%	22.1%
Grade 3	34%	13%	4%	7%	7.6%
Grade 4	7%	3%	9%	6%	2.3%

Carcases Inspected and Condemned

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs
Number killed (if known)					
Number Inspected					
All diseases except Tuberculosis					
whole carcasses condemn					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned					
Percentage of that number					
inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis		N	I	L	
tuberculosis only					
Whole carcasses condemned					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.					
Percentage of that number inspected affected with tuberculosis					

Swimming Baths and Pools

The Council's bathing places on the River Ouse have now been demolished.

During the year Mr. Fegans Homes, Stony Stratford, arranged with the County Education Committee for a limited number of the pupils from the Wolverton School to use the Swimming Pool at the Homes. This necessitated the regular sampling of the water from the swimming pool. The samples of water from the pool were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory, Northampton, and the results are shown on page 8 of this report.

Premises and occupations controlled by Bye-laws and Regulations Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890. Part IV

This enactment came into operation on the 2.4.51 and required the licensing of places ordinarily used for public dancing and music or public entertainment of the like kind.

The sanitary condition of the conveniences attached to the three cinemas in this district is satisfactory.

All the streets under the Council's control are regularly cleansed. By arrangement with the County Council, the classified roads in the built-up portion of the district, and those linking up the three townships, are scavenged by the Council.

Food Poisoning Outbreaks

1953 Food Poisoning Outbreaks

Period	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
No. of outbreaks	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
No. of cases	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
No. of deaths	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

Infectious Diseases

Measles

A large number of cases were notified during the early part of this year, January to March, all of a mild nature. There were no deaths.

Scarlet Fever

47 cases were notified, nine of whom were sent to an isolation hospital. This is an increase of eight as against 39 last year.

Tuberculosis

10 cases were notified, same as last year.

Pulmonary - 8

Non-Pulmonary - 2

These were all notified by the County Tuberculosis Officer. There is a Tuberculosis Clinic at Wolverton open one day a week attended by the County Tuberculosis Officer. Screenings and X-Ray photographs of the chest can be done here.

Puerperal Pyrexia)
Ophthalmia Neonatorum)

Nil

Acute Infective Meningitis

Three cases were notified, all of whom were sent to Hospital, two died, the third recovered.

These were all in the same family.

Diphtheria

No cases.

Housing

80 municipal houses were completed during the year, at the end of which 46 more were in course of erection.

A review of housing conditions and the need for further accommodation was made in the early part of the year.

Disregarding the question of providing dwellings for the re-housing of persons who may at sometime be displaced from properties that are demolished, or included in a clearance area, and allowing for current building, the apparent shortage did not seem formidable. Nevertheless, the flow of new applicants for tenancies kept pace with the number of houses built so that, by the end of the year, not much real progress had been made and there were then still about one hundred without any accommodation of their own on the waiting list.

No demolition or closing orders were made, nor were any undertakings accepted.

A license, granted under Defence Regulation 68AA, in respect of 6, Silver Street, Stony Stratford was still current at the end of the year.

During the year three of the sixteen plots of land at Stacey Hill which were reserved for private enterprise building were sold.

1.500 acres of land at Bradville Housing Estate was also sold to the Bucks County Council as a school site.

Ministry of Health Circular 1/54Annual Report of the M.O.H. for 1953Senior Public Health Officers

The Medical Officer of Health for the Urban District is a part-time officer, holding degrees as a Master of Arts and a Doctor of Medicine.

When there is a vacancy it will be filled under the County of Buckingham (Medical Officers of Health for County Districts) Scheme, 1953, which provides for the appointment of whole-time medical officers of health.

The duties performed are those which, by paragraph 17 of the Sanitary Officers (Outside London) Regulations, 1935, a medical officer of health is required to do.

The Sanitary Inspector is an Associate of the Royal Sanitary Institute, and a Fellow Surveyor Member of the Incorporated Association of Architects.

The duties performed include those laid down in the Paragraph 27 of the Regulations of 1935, except sub-paragraphs (4), (7) and (10). With reference to sub-paragraph (15), the powers and duties given by sub-sections (3), (4) and (5) of Section 38 of the Shops Act, 1950, are carried out under delegation from the County Council.

This officer also performs duties under the Rag Flocks &c., Act, 1951, the Pet Animals Act, 1951, and the Heating Appliances (Fireguards) Act, 1952.

Committee concerned with matters of public health

The duties of the Public Health Committee are:-

- To carry into effect the provisions of the Public Health and of other Acts relating to the public health of the inhabitants of the district, including the abatement of nuisances, provision of sanitary accommodation, disinfection, offensive trades, epidemics and infectious diseases.
- To license slaughtermen and to enforce the provisions of the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933, for the humane slaughtering of animals; and to license Slaughterhouses under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938.
- To carry out the powers and duties of the Council affecting food, meat and milk.
- To carry out direct and delegated powers and duties under the Shops Act, 1950.
- To perform the duties contained in the Housing Acts so far as they are concerned with the inspection, closure and repairs of existing dwellings. (Note, - the duty to provide new houses is that of the Housing and Planning Committee.
- To carry into effect the Council's powers and duties under the Factories Acts.
- To enforce the abatement of smoke nuisances and atmospheric pollution.
- To issue licenses, etc., under the Petroleum (Consolidation) Act, 1928.
- To licence hackney carriages; game dealers; and pawn brokers.

To carry into effect the powers and duties of the Council under the Rag, Flocks and Filling Materials Act, 1951.

To carry into effect the powers and duties of the Council under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

To carry into effect the powers and duties of the Council under the Heating Appliances (Fireguards) Act, 1952.

To consider reports of the Medical Officer of Health and of the Sanitary Inspector.

The Highways and Water Committee is responsible for the function of collecting and disposing of house refuse; and of managing the Water Undertaking and the Sewage Disposal Works.

The Housing and Planning Committee deals with the provision and erection of new dwellings and with the supervision and management of all Housing Estates.

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